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Press Release

For Immediate Release

The Bridgeport Police Department Invites Public Comment on State Accreditation Efforts

A team of assessors from the Police Officers Standards and Training Council will arrive on June 25, 2021, to examine the Bridgeport Police Department's policy and procedures as they relate to Tier I Liability, of the state accreditation Standards.

Verification by the team that the Bridgeport Police Department meets the POST Councils state of the art accreditation Standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments. Comments can be mailed to William Tanner, POSTC Accreditation Division at 285 Preston Ave. Meriden, Connecticut 06450, by telephone at 203-427-2602, by fax at 203-238-6643 or by email Accreditation.Compliance@po.state.ct.us. Please enter the name of the agency in the subject line of the email.

A copy of the state accreditation standards is available at the Bridgeport Police Department. Local contact is Lieutenant Manuel Cotto 203-581-5117.

The accreditation manager for the Bridgeport Police Department is Lieutenant Manuel Cotto. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from the Connecticut law enforcement community. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the POST Council accreditation assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the POST Council Accreditation committee who will recommend to the POST Council if the agency is to be accredited or re-accredited. Accreditation is for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited or re-accredited.

For more information regarding the POST Council accreditation program you may write to William Tanner, State Accreditation Program Manager, 285 Preston Ave. Meriden, Connecticut 06450, by telephone at 203-427-2602, by fax at 203-238-6643 or visit the Police Officer Standards and Training Council / Accreditation Division website at <http://www.ct.gov/pos>



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